

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rory Pheiffer on 7/12/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

***In the claims:***

In claim 1, line 11, after "expandable body", --and extending distally beyond the expandable body--.

In claim 8, line 2, "having" has been replaced with --in the form of--.

Claim 20 has been cancelled.

In claim 24, line 2, "a second shaft" has been replaced with --said insertion shaft--.

In claim 29, line 8, "and configured to be" has been replaced with --, the installation tool shaft being--.

In claim 29, line 9, --installation tool— has been inserted before "shaft".

In claim 36, line 2, "having" has been replaced with --in the form of--.

***In the abstract:***

"An apparatus for attaching soft tissue to bone" has been replaced with – Apparatuses for attaching tissue to bone are provided. In one exemplary embodiment, the apparatus includes an expandable body defining a bore, an

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expander pin having a shaft sized to be received in the bore of the expandable body, and an insertion shaft slidingly disposed in the bore of the expandable body and in a bore of the expander pin. The body is configured to expand laterally into and attach to bone when the expander pin is driven into the expandable body. The body includes a proximal main member having a distally extending threaded projection and a harder, distal tip member having a threaded recess in a proximal surface thereof such that the projection is threadedly interengageable with the recess. The expansion of the body by way of the expander pin can occur when the proximal main member and distal tip member are threadedly engaged. The insertion shaft is releasably secured to the expandable body and extends distally beyond the expandable body.—

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose nor suggest an insertion shaft which is releasably secured to the expandable body and extends distally beyond the expandable body, with an expander pin sliding along the insertion shaft.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LYNNSY SCHNEIDER whose telephone

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on (571)272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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